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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PINT, GH

SUBJECT: ARREST OF KOFI AWOONER

REF: ACCRA 0786

1. DEAN WEISINGER INFORMED FEBRUARY 4 THAT EMBASSY HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT AWOONER HAD BEEN ARRESTED BUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY SUCH ARREST. WEISINGER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BECAUSE AWOONER IS NOT A US CITIZEN EMBASSY COULD NOT MAKE OFFICIAL INQUIRIES ON HIS BEHALF. WEISINGER SAID UNIVERSITY HAS CABLED ACHEAMPONG AND GHANAIAI POLICE AUTHORITIES REQUESTING INFORMATION BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. UNIVERSITY ALSO HAS COMMUNICATED ITS INTEREST TO GHANAIAI EMBASSY. WEISINGER SAID AWOONER VERY POPULAR WITH STUDENTS WHO ARE VERY AGITATED BY REPORTS OF HIS ARREST AND WHOSE ACTIONS HE COULD NOT PREDICT.

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2. THERE HAS BEEN PRESS ATTENTION TO AWOONER'S CASE IN

NEW YORK AREA AND DEPARTMENT RECEIVING INQUIRIES FROM  
LOCAL MEDIA. RESPONSES HAVE BEEN ALONG SAME LINES AS  
RESPONSE TO WEISINGER.

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH CONSIDER BRINGING TO ATTENTION OF

GHANAIAAN AUTHORITIES CONCERN IN US AT REPORTS OF  
AWOONER'S ARREST AND THE DIFFICULTY HIS US EMPLOYER HAS  
EXPERIENCED OBTAINING VERIFICATION OF THESE REPORTS.  
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